

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2469 - SB 2872

February 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes provision limiting safety belt requirements only to operators and passengers occupying the front seat of vehicles. Deletes provision requiring a law enforcement officer to stop a person for a separate violation before issuing a citation for violating safety belt requirements. Specifies that a law enforcement officer observing a violation of the safety belt requirements may not search the vehicle of the violator based solely on such violation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000 Earmarked for Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes:

- current annual violations of approximately 35,000.
- at least a 30% increase in citations from authorizing law enforcement officials to stop persons solely for failure to wear a safety belt and from deleting provisions limiting the safety belt requirements to those in the front seat. This would amount to additional violations exceeding 10,500 at either a \$10 fine (first-time violation) or \$20 fine (second and subsequent violations).
- increased state revenues exceeding \$100,000 which are earmarked for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- the provisions of this bill will be enforced by local law enforcement officers as well as highway patrolmen.
- local courts receive 5% commission on fines for a not significant increase in revenues.
- increase in local government expenditures for administrative costs associated with increased citations and possible incarcerations. This increase is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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